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Specimens of *Leechea* are generally best gathered in the fall of the year, when the fruit is mature and the root leaves are forming or formed. I have, however, gathered good specimens in this latitude as late as December.

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§ 123. **New Publications.**—1. *The Ornamental and Useful Plants of Maine. Part I.*, by F. Lamson Scribner, B. S. Printed for the author, Augusta, 1875. This is a popular account of the "ornamental and useful" plants of Maine, with a number of good illustrations, following the order of Gray's Manual, and reaching to the end of Caprifoliaceæ. We hope Mr. Scribner will feel encouraged to complete his charming and useful work.—2. A copy of the *Springfield Republican*, which we cannot put our hands upon, contained gratifying evidences of the vitality of the *Connecticut Valley Botanical Association*. 3. *Darlingtonia Californica*, an Insectivorous Plant, read at the Hartford meeting of the American Association, by Wm. M. Canby, Philadelphia, The Gardener's Monthly Print, with an engraving of the plant: a valuable paper, supplementary to the interesting observations on *Sarracenia*.—4. *The American Garden*, New Series, Nos. II. & III. We observe that the editor quotes very largely from the BULLETIN, and in doing so mentions our Club in a manner trying to its modesty. The Garden contains much interesting reading; the articles on Hardy Ferns and Aquatic Plants, for example, will interest cultivators of our indigenous plants. According to De Candolle (Geog. Bot. p. 821), the *Nation* is right in doubting the Brazilian origin of *Helianthus tuberosus*, but why did it not, while parading its botanical learning, give its source, as requested? It seems to us that in this way the credit of "literary men" would have been better maintained.

§ 124. ***Jasminum revolutum*, Sims.**—Prof. D. S. Martin has written us a note, calling attention to an error in Gray's Field, Forest and Garden Botany, in regard to the number of ovules in each cell of *Jasminum*. In examining a large number of blossoms from a bush of *J. revolutum*, he found that "each cell contained two well developed ovules. One or two of the flowers had three celled ovaries, "two of the cells having two ovules, while in the third but one was distinctly observable."

It is not surprising that, in so condensed a hand-book, covering so wide a field, this exception should have been overlooked. The deviation in the number of cells is a variation like that in *Cephalanthus* mentioned above by Mr. Hall.

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